

REMARKS

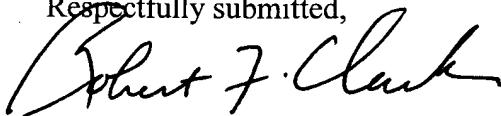
Claims 24-31 remain in the application. Claims 32-35 have been cancelled. Claims 24 and 25 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments can be found in the Specification at page 4, line 35 to page 5, line 12 and Fig. 2.

The rejection of claims 24-27 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Vollkommer et al. is respectfully traversed. Vollkommer et al. does not teach or suggest coating only one hemisphere of a spherical spacer with a fluorescent material wherein the coated hemisphere is oriented with its pole within the bearing surface with the front plate of the lamp. Instead, Vollkommer et al. teaches coating the entire surface of the glass bead spacers described therein. (Col. 8, lines 22-24 and Fig. 1). Therefore, since Vollkommer et al. does not teach every element of the claimed invention, the Applicants respectfully assert that their claimed invention is not anticipated by Vollkommer et al.

The rejection of claims 28-31 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vollkommer et al. in view of Veres is respectfully traversed. The Applicants respectfully reassert that Vollkommer et al. does not teach or suggest coating only one hemisphere of a spherical spacer with a fluorescent material wherein the coated hemisphere is oriented with its pole within the bearing surface with the front plate of the lamp. Instead, Vollkommer et al. teaches coating the entire surface of the glass bead spacers described therein. (Col. 8, lines 22-24 and Fig. 1). Thus, the claimed invention is not obvious in view of Vollkommer et al. and Veres.

In view of the foregoing amendment, it is believed that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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